

with the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of Energy, shall submit to the appropriate congressional committees a report that sets forth a plan to engage the People's Republic of China on steps that reduce the risk of strategic miscalculation and the threat of a nuclear exchange, which may include any of the following proposals:

(1) A formal invitation to appropriate officials from the People's Republic of China, and to each of the permanent members of the United Nations Security Council, to observe a United States-Russian Federation New START Treaty on-site inspection to demonstrate the security benefits of transparency into strategic nuclear forces.

(2) Negotiations toward a treaty or agreement that prohibits the production of fissile material.

(3) An agreement with the People's Republic of China that allows for advance notifications of ballistic missile launches, through the Hague Code of Conduct or other data exchanges or doctrine discussions related to strategic nuclear forces.

(4) An agreement not to target or interfere in nuclear command, control, and communications (commonly referred to as "NC3") infrastructure.

(5) An agreement on transparency measures or verifiable limits, or both, on hypersonic cruise missiles and glide vehicles that are mounted on ballistic missiles.

(6) Any other cooperative measure that benefits United States-People's Republic of China strategic stability.

(c) **FORM OF THE REPORT.**—The report required by subsection (b) shall be submitted in unclassified form but may include a classified annex.

SA 1551. Mr. RISCH (for himself, Mr. CRAPO, Ms. ROSEN, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, Mrs. CAPITO, and Mr. HOEVEN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1260, to establish a new Directorate for Technology and Innovation in the National Science Foundation, to establish a regional technology hub program, to require a strategy and report on economic security, science, research, innovation, manufacturing, and job creation, to establish a critical supply chain resiliency program, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. ____ . FEDERAL AND STATE TECHNOLOGY PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM.

Section 34 of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 657d) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a), by adding at the end the following:

“(11) **UNDERPERFORMING STATE.**—The term ‘underperforming State’ means a State participating in the SBIR or STTR program that has been calculated by the Administrator to be one of 18 States receiving the fewest SBIR and STTR Phase I awards.”;

(2) in subsection (c)—

(A) in paragraph (1)—

(i) in subparagraph (E)—

(I) in clause (iii), by striking “and” at the end;

(II) in clause (iv), by striking the period at the end and inserting “; and”; and

(III) by adding at the end the following:

“(v) to prioritize applicants located in an underperforming State.”;

(B) in paragraph (2)(B)(vi)—

(i) in subclause (II), by striking “and” at the end; and

(ii) by adding at the end the following:

“(IV) located in an underperforming State; and”;

(C) in paragraph (3), by striking “Not more than one proposal” and inserting “There is no limit on the number of proposals that”; and

(D) by adding at the end the following:

“(6) **ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE FOR UNDERPERFORMING STATES.**—Upon application by a recipient that is located in an underperforming State, the Administrator may—

“(A) provide additional assistance to the recipient; and

“(B) waive the matching requirements under subsection (e)(2).”;

(3) in subsection (e)—

(A) in paragraph (2)—

(i) in subparagraph (A)—

(I) by inserting “and STTR” before “first phase” each place that term appears;

(II) in clause (i), by striking “50” and inserting “25”;

(III) in clause (ii), by striking “1 dollar” and inserting “75 cents”; and

(IV) in clause (iii), by striking “75” and inserting “50”;

(i) in subparagraph (D), by striking “, beginning with fiscal year 2001” and inserting “and make publicly available on the website of the Administration, beginning with fiscal year 2022”; and

(iii) by adding at the end the following:

“(E) **PAYMENT.**—The non-Federal share of the cost of an activity carried out by a recipient may be paid by the recipient over the course of the period of the award or cooperative agreement.”; and

(B) by adding at the end the following:

“(4) **AMOUNT OF AWARD.**—In carrying out the FAST program under this section—

“(A) the Administrator shall make and enter into awards or cooperative agreements;

“(B) each award or cooperative agreement described in subparagraph (A) shall be for not more than \$500,000, which shall be provided over 2 fiscal years; and

“(C) any amounts left unused in the third quarter of the second fiscal year may be retained by the Administrator for future FAST program awards.

“(5) **REPORTING.**—Not later than 6 months after receiving an award or entering into a cooperative agreement under this section, a recipient shall report to the Administrator—

“(A) the number of awards made under the SBIR or STTR program;

“(B) the number of applications submitted for the SBIR or STTR program;

“(C) the number of consulting hours spent;

“(D) the number of training events conducted; and

“(E) any issues encountered in the management and application of the FAST program.”;

(4) in subsection (f)—

(A) in paragraph (1)—

(i) in the matter preceding subparagraph (A)—

(I) by striking “Small Business Innovation Research Program Reauthorization Act of 2000” and inserting “FAST Fix Act of 2021”; and

(II) by inserting “and Entrepreneurship” before “of the Senate”;

(ii) in subparagraph (B), by striking “and” at the end;

(iii) in subparagraph (C), by striking the period at the end and inserting “; and”; and

(iv) by adding at the end the following:

“(D) a description of the process used to ensure that underperforming States are given priority application status under the FAST program.”; and

(B) in paragraph (2)—

(i) in the paragraph heading, by striking “ANNUAL” and inserting “BIENNIAL”;

(ii) in the matter preceding subparagraph (A), by striking “annual” and inserting “biennial”;

(iii) in subparagraph (B), by striking “and” at the end;

(iv) in subparagraph (C), by striking the period at the end and inserting a semicolon; and

(v) by adding at the end the following:

“(D) the proportion of awards provided to and cooperative agreements entered into with underperforming States; and

“(E) a list of the States that were determined by the Administrator to be underperforming States, and a description of any changes in the list compared to previously submitted reports.”;

(5) in subsection (g)(2)—

(A) by striking “2004” and inserting “2022”; and

(B) by inserting “and Entrepreneurship” before “of the Senate”; and

(6) in subsection (h)(1), by striking “\$10,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2001 through 2005” and inserting “\$20,000,000 for every 2 fiscal years between fiscal years 2022 through 2026, to be obligated before the end of the second fiscal year”.

SA 1552. Mr. RISCH (for himself, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, and Ms. ROSEN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1260, to establish a new Directorate for Technology and Innovation in the National Science Foundation, to establish a regional technology hub program, to require a strategy and report on economic security, science, research, innovation, manufacturing, and job creation, to establish a critical supply chain resiliency program, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. ____ . STRENGTHENING AND ENHANCING CYBERSECURITY USAGE TO REACH SMALL BUSINESSES.

(a) **DEFINITIONS.**—In this section:

(1) **ADMINISTRATOR.**—The term “Administrator” means the Administrator of the Small Business Administration.

(2) **COVERED INDUSTRY SECTORS.**—The term “covered industry sectors” means the following industry sectors:

(A) Accommodation and food services.

(B) Agriculture.

(C) Construction.

(D) Healthcare and social assistance.

(E) Retail and wholesale trade.

(F) Transportation and warehousing.

(G) Entertainment and recreation.

(H) Finance and insurance.

(I) Manufacturing.

(J) Information and telecommunications.

(K) Any other industry sector that the Administrator determines to be relevant.

(3) **COVERED VENDOR.**—The term “covered vendor” means a vendor of cybersecurity products and services, including cybersecurity risk insurance.

(4) **CYBERSECURITY.**—The term “cybersecurity” means—

(A) the art of protecting networks, devices, and data from unauthorized access or criminal use; and

(B) the practice of ensuring the confidentiality, integrity, and availability of information.

(5) **CYBERSECURITY THREAT.**—The term “cybersecurity threat” means the possibility of a malicious attempt to infiltrate, damage, disrupt, or destroy computer networks or systems.